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March 4, 2020

Hon. Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein  
United States District Judge  
Daniel Patrick Moynihan  
United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl St.  
New York, NY 10007-1312

**Re: United States v. Jose Rodriguez**  
**1:19cr779 (AKH)**

Dear Judge Hellerstein:

The undersigned respectfully moves for permission to have Attorney Louis Freeman appear for both he and I at the status conference before the Court scheduled for March 6, 2020.

The undersigned has been appointed to represent Mr. Jose Rodriguez as Capital Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Attorney Louis Freeman has recently been appointed as Learned Counsel and together we are preparing both the defense in this case and gathering mitigation evidence to present to the Department of Justice as they consider whether this case merits the death penalty as a potential punishment. Your Honor has scheduled a status conference in the above matter for March 6, 2020 but I have been invited to attend a Capital Crimes Mitigation Seminar in Philadelphia that runs from March 5<sup>th</sup> through March 8<sup>th</sup>. I respectfully request permission of the Court to have Attorney Freeman appear as counsel for the defendant so that I might attend the seminar.

I have attempted to discuss this request with the defendant but as the correctional facility where he is presently being housed is on complete lock-down (and has been since the middle of last week), I have been unable to discuss my request with him.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Bruce D. Koffsky  
Bruce D. Koffsky

BDK/me

cc: All Counsel of Record (via ECF)

*So ordered*  
*3-5-2020*  
*[Signature]*